

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Original) A retention system for a hand tool combination having a
2 primary tool and a secondary tool, comprising:
3 a first retainer coupled to the primary tool;
4 a second retainer coupled to the secondary tool;
5 wherein the first retainer and the second retainer are configured for
6 attraction by a magnetic force;
7 so that the secondary tool is retained in connection with the primary
8 tool.
- 1 2. (Original) The retention system of Claim 1 wherein the first retainer
2 comprises a first magnetic member fixed to the primary tool.
- 1 3. (Original) The retention system of Claim 2 wherein the second retainer
2 comprises a second magnetic member fixed to the secondary tool.
- 1 4. (Original) The retention system of Claim 3 wherein the first magnetic
2 member has a first polarity and the second magnetic member has a second polarity
3 opposite from the first polarity.
- 1 5. (Original) The retention system of Claim 1 wherein the first retainer is
2 substantially aligned with the second retainer when the secondary tool is retained in
3 the receptacle.
- 1 6. (Original) The retention system of Claim 1 wherein the primary tool is
2 an axe.
- 1 7. (Original) The retention system of Claim 6 wherein the secondary tool
2 is one of a knife and a saw.

1 8. (Original) The retention system of Claim 1 wherein the first retainer
2 comprises a magnetic material and the second retainer comprises a metallic material
3 responsive to magnetic attraction.

1 9. (Original) The retention system of Claim 1 wherein the first retainer
2 comprises a metallic material responsive to magnetic attraction and the second
3 retainer comprises a magnetic material.

1 10. (Original) A combination hand tool having a primary hand tool
2 configured for storage of a secondary hand tool therein, the combination hand tool
3 comprising:
4 a receptacle formed within an elongated handle member of the primary
5 hand tool;
6 a first magnetic member coupled to the primary hand tool;
7 a second magnetic member coupled to the secondary hand tool and
8 configured to operably engage the first magnetic member;
9 so that the secondary hand tool is retained within the receptacle by a
10 magnetic force.

1 11. (Original) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the primary
2 hand tool is an axe and the secondary hand tool is one a camping gear item, a survival
3 gear item a fishing gear item, a hiking gear item, and a fishing gear item.

1 12. (Withdrawn) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the first
2 magnetic member is coupled to an actuatable member configured to alternate a
3 polarity of the first magnetic member for interfacing with the second magnetic
4 member.

1 13. (Withdrawn) The combination hand tool of Claim 12 wherein the
2 actuatable member is a thumbwheel.

1 14. (Withdrawn) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the first
2 magnetic member and the second magnetic member are operable to at least partially
3 withdraw the second hand tool from the receptacle.

1 15. (Original) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the
2 magnetic force is a minimum of approximately 4000 gauss.

1 16. (Original) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the first
2 magnetic member is fixed to the primary hand tool and the second magnetic member
3 is fixed to the secondary hand tool.

1 17. (Original) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the first
2 magnetic member and the second magnetic member are configured in substantial
3 alignment when the secondary hand tool is retained within the primary hand tool.

1 18. (Original) The combination hand tool of Claim 10 wherein the first
2 magnetic member and the second magnetic member are configured in at least a
3 partially offset relationship when the secondary hand tool is retained within the
4 primary hand tool.

1 19. (Withdrawn) The combination hand tool of Claim 12 wherein the
2 actuatable member is configured for rotational movement.

1 20. (Original) A system for storing a first object in connection with a
2 second object, comprising:

3 a first retainer having a first magnetic member coupled to the first
4 object;

5 a second retainer having a second magnetic member coupled to the
6 second object and configured to coact with the first retainer;

7 so that the first retainer and the second retainer are operable to retain
8 the second object in connection with the first object until the second object is removed
9 by a user.

1 21. (Original) The system of Claim 20 wherein the first object is a hand
2 tool.

1 22. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 20 wherein the first retainer is
2 configured to be actuatable between a first position for retention of the second object
3 and a second position for extraction of the second object.

1 23. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 22 wherein the first magnetic
2 member and the second magnetic member are attracted in the first position.

1 24. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 23 wherein the first magnetic
2 member and the second magnetic member are repelled in the second position.

1 25. (Original) The system of Claim 20 wherein the first magnetic member
2 is fixed to the first object and the second magnetic member is fixed to the second
3 object.

1 26. (Original) The system of Claim 20 wherein the first object comprises
2 an elongated member providing a receptacle and the second object is configured for
3 retention within the receptacle.

1 27. (Original) The system of Claim 26 wherein the first object is a camp
2 axe and the second object is one of a knife, a saw, a cooking utensil, a compartment, a
3 camping gear item, a hunting gear item, a fishing gear item and a survival gear item.

1 28. (Original) In an apparatus comprising a first hand tool having a
2 receptacle and a second hand tool configured for storage within the receptacle, the
3 improvement comprising a retention system having a first retainer coupled to the first
4 hand tool and a second retainer coupled to the second hand tool, where the first
5 retainer and the second retainer are configured for magnetic attraction, so that the
6 second hand tool is retained within the receptacle until removed by a user.

1 29. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein the first hand tool
2 comprises a first cutting tool and the second hand tool comprises a second cutting
3 tool.

1 30. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein the first retainer
2 comprises a first magnetic member.

1 31. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 30 wherein the first retainer is
2 configured to alternate the polarity of the first magnetic member relative to the second
3 retainer.

1 32. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 31 wherein the first magnetic
2 member is configured for rotation.

1 33. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein the second retainer
2 comprises a second magnetic member.

1 34. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein the first retainer is
2 actuatable between a first position for retention of the second hand tool within the
3 receptacle and a second position for withdrawal of the second hand tool from the
4 receptacle.